



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Olympia, Washington 98504  
**ORTHOTICS AND PROSTHETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the Orthotic and Prosthetic Advisory Committee was held at 1:30 p.m., on August 22, 2005, in Conference Room 2 of the Department of Health Offices at 20435-72<sup>nd</sup> South, Kent WA.

**Committee Members**

**Present:** Karl Entenmann  
Charles Dockery  
Kathleen Scarpelli  
David Tweedy

**Staff Present:** Steven Saxe, Executive Director  
Judy Haenke, Program Manager (current)  
Doreen Beebe, Program Manager

**OPEN SESSION:**

Introductions

New Public Member: Kathleen Scarpelli – Ms. Scarpelli is from Seattle Washington. Her appointment expires October 10, 2007.

Executive Director: Steven M. Saxe, R.Ph., FACHE

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**REPORTS**

Steven Saxe reported on the following:

- Functional realignment of Section 4 which resulted in repositioning of staff. The duties of program manager of the Orthotist/Prosthetist Committee will be reassigned to Doreen Beebe, who will also manage the Board of Pharmacy. Judy Haenke will continue to manage the Vision Care Programs (Optometry, Opticians, Occularist and Optician Apprentices) in addition to the Board of Veterinary Governors.
- The Governor's focus for health care includes:
  - Quality
  - Cost Containment
  - Prevention including coverage for all kids

Mr. Saxe explained Governor Gregoire's initiative to utilize GMAP (Government, Management, Accountability and Performance), a process designed to improve the accountability and effectiveness of state government. GMAP will assist in measuring how effective we are in the delivery of services and identify areas in need of process or performance improvement.

- Mr. Saxe stated that there are three primary focus areas in our efforts to protect the public; timeliness, consistency and a fair process. Influences which may affect how we do our jobs include rising costs, scrutiny by the legislature, public, media, health professionals and other organizations.

#### Committee Members

Karl Entenmann reported:

- The unification of American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics (ABC) and Board for Orthotist/Prosthetist Certification (BOC) has been discontinued effective July 27, 2005.

#### Program Manager

Judy Haenke reported on the following:

- Licensing Statistics – 207 active credentials (some may hold dual licensure)
- Continuing Competence – Reminder that beginning January 2007 most practitioners will be required to report continuing competency (CC) hours when renewing their licenses. The committee packet distributed to each member included. Copies of WAC 246-850-140 thru 160 and a summary of the CC requirements.
- Committee Appointments: One vacant position – Orthopedic Physician/Physiatrist  
Karl Entenmann's appointment ends October 21, 2005.  
Charles Dockery's term expires on October 21, 2005. Mr. Dockery is seeking reappointment to a second term.

### **PRESENTATION**

Steven Saxe provided an overview of the state financial structure related to budgets and fees. He explained the differences between revenue, reserves, budget and spending authority (allotment).

- The allotment or spending authority is established by the Legislature
- Revenue or fees collected by program are to defray program costs
- Reserves are maintained to offset unanticipated costs such as new legislation, increase cost of doing business, etc. (Goal - 20% reserve above spending authority)

Due to the growing reserve in HPQA, over the last 4 years, a fee adjustment was seen as necessary. The Secretary adopted rules for all professions, which allows the lowering or renewal fees or raising those that had previously been lowered.

Orthotics and Prosthetics realized a 90% temporary reduction in renewal fees for July 1, 2005 – July 1, 2006.

Steve continued by discussing the 03-05 over-spent budget, the contributing factors and the immediate actions Health Professions Quality Assurance (HPQA) took once the problem was identified.

A copy of the June 2005 Interim Operating Report was include in the packets distributed to the Committee at the beginning of the meeting.

## **DISCUSSION**

### Consumer Brochure

The Committee reviewed a draft copy of the consumer rights brochure designed to provide information about the mission of the Orthotics and Prosthetics Advisory Committee; practitioners' educational and licensing requirements; how to verify a practitioner's license status or file a complaint. Once finalized, the brochure will be posted to the Department of Health Orthotic and Prosthetic Web Page.

The Committee requested that the brochure include information describing what types of things are not investigated or within the scope of the Uniform Disciplinary Act (Chapter 18.130 RCW). Furthermore, the Committee wanted additional organizations listed, one being the Amputee Coalition of America: [www.amputee.coalition.org](http://www.amputee.coalition.org) . Department of Health staff will ensure that all professional organizations listed on the brochure are suitable for distribution by the department.

### Jurisprudence Examination

The Department of Health, Health Professions Quality Assurance Office is proposing a new on-line process for conducting law exams for those professions that currently administer their own tests and establishment of jurisprudence exams for those professions that currently do not have one.

The Committee was provided with the initial draft of the law questionnaire for Orthotist and Prosthetist. Judy Haenke felt that only 18 questions may not be adequate and asked the Committee to provide feedback. It was agreed that the exam should not include DSHS requirements since the information is required for billing not licensure/standards of practice.

### Update on Legislation

Judy Haenke provided the Committee with a copy of Substitute House Bill 1137 an act amending the physical therapy laws Chapter 18.74 RCW, which passed during the 2005 Legislative Session. Members Karl Entenmann and David Tweedy requested to be added to the Physical Therapists' interested party list for future updates.

## **OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

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- Boards, Commissions and Committees Conference September 23 – Please submit registration forms no later than September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Provide feedback on proposed jurisprudence exam questions.
- Add Karl Entenmann and Dave Tweedy to Physical Therapist's interested parties list.  
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- Referrals for Committee vacancies.